

# April Sutherland

## Piper for Hire - available for weddings and other events

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### Client reviews

#### *Mr and Mrs Janson - June 2022*

"We absolutely loved April's piping at our wedding in the Highlands, it was a real highlight of the day and our guests can't stop talking about it! She played promenade-style as we walked through the grounds to the marquee, she sounded and looked brilliant and it made for a truly theatrical and very special procession. April was very professional and friendly from our first conversation right through to the day itself, and we would highly recommend her as a piper for any event."

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### ***Mr and Mrs Clark - July 2023***

"We asked April to play the bagpipes at our wedding after being impressed by her performance at a number of local events over the last few years. When we asked April, she was very approachable and friendly offering guidance and advice on tune selection and also where and when she should play during the day. Using her extensive knowledge, April effectively stage managed and directed that side of our day. We were right to trust her as the day went perfectly! April arrived on time, was dressed perfectly and was friendly and engaging to our guests. Nothing appeared to be too much trouble during the day. It goes without saying that she played faultlessly! We are more than happy to recommend April to anyone who needs an experienced, trustworthy, friendly and talented piper."

### **Background information**

I have 10 years of performing experience playing the Highland Bagpipes including many weddings and I have been lucky enough to take part in the famous Calgary Stampede Parade and to grace Eden Court's Empire Theatre as part of a selected group of Pipers from across the Highland for the Royal National Mòd, 2021. I have played with pipe bands, cèilidh bands and also have experience playing the whistle for various events such as supporting Duncan Chisolm at Dornoch Cathedral and performances as part of the Fèis Air an Oir Cèilidh Trail. While part of the Cèilidh Trail, I worked with and performed alongside Julie Fowlis, Eamon Doorley, Duncan Chisholm, Mairearad Green, Seonaidh McIntyre, Anna Massie, Bob Massie, Addie Harper, Gordon Gunn and many more and over the years I have been taught by pipers such as Carol-Anne Mackay of "Dòchas", Seonaidh McIntyre of "Trail West" and Scott Murray of "Rhythm n' Reel". I have an A in Higher and Advanced Higher Music, have completed my Higher Music Technology, NPA in Sound Production, have taken part in various short courses with skilled professional musicians including Hamish Napier and Duncan Chisholm and I am currently studying a music degree. In 2021, I was winner of the Liam Colgan Music Fund's John Preston Open Award for "Young Musician of the Year".

### **Performance experience**

I have performed in a wide variety of settings and venues in my time, some of which are listed below.

- Calgary Stampede Parade, Calgary, Canada 2017

- Eden Court's Empire Theatre, Inverness : Royal National Mòd's 'Ar Cànan's Ar Ceòl' concert, 2021
- An Lanntair, Stornoway: BA Applied Music showcase 2023
- Lyth Arts Centre, summer sessions stage, Wick : 2023
- Dunrobin Castle & Gardens: Weddings and Piping for castle visitors - ongoing
- Dornoch Cathedral: A sold out support slot for Fiddle player and composer Duncan Chisholm 2022
- The Carnegie Hall, Clashmore: A support slot for multi-instrumentalist Hamish Napier 2022

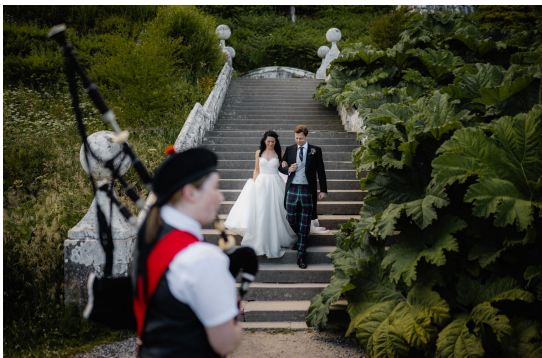
## Pricing

- Full day wedding package: 30 mins prior to ceremony while guests are arriving, piped down the aisle, entertainment while signing the registry (15 minutes maximum), piped back up the aisle and piped into the meal at night - £350.
- Half day package: 30 mins prior to ceremony while guests are arriving, played down the aisle, entertainment while signing the registry (15 minutes maximum) and back up the aisle - £250.
- Simple package: Piped down the aisle plus entertainment while signing registry (15 minutes maximum) and then back up the aisle - £200.
- Slight package: Piped down the aisle and back up again - £150.

Travel - free within a radius of 40 miles from Helmsdale, outwith this area there will be an extra charge towards cost.

For any other events please do not hesitate to get in touch with me, happy to cater to your needs.

## Image gallery



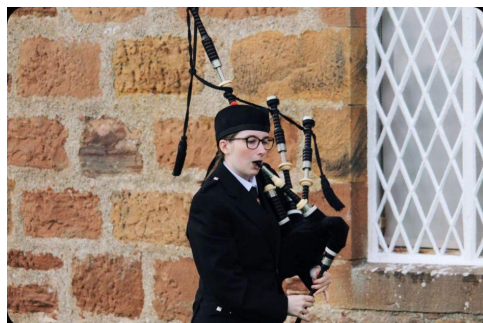
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